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Commissioner for Patents
Box: 1450
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RE: APPLICATION OF JOHS ET AL. TITLED "ELLIPSOMETRIC INVESTIGATION OF THIN FILMS";
SERIAL NO: 10/765,732;
FILE DATE: 01/27/04;
ART UNIT: 2877;
EXAMINER: DETSCHEL, M.

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir;

I am in receipt of an Action dated 09/08/06 regarding the identified Application.

The Examiner has identified formalities in the Claims, rejected Claims 8, 14 and 19, and indicated that Claims 12, 13 and 15-18 would be Allowable if rewritten to avoid rejection of their Base Claims. The Examiner has accepted the Modified Drawings previously submitted.

In response Applicant provides the following Amendments.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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